

REGISTRATION FORM

**Pushing Limits:** A Conference on Employment for African Americans With Disabilities  
Monday, October 16, 2006, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM,  
The Sheraton Hotel at Woodbridge Place, 515 Route #1 South, Iselin, NJ 08330  
(\*Space Is Limited - Early Registration Recommended)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
**Affiliation:** Individual with Disability \_\_\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_\_\_ Professional \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Agency or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Select two workshops for each session:**  
1:30 PM (1 - 4): 1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 PM (5 - 8): 1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
I require: ASL \_\_\_\_\_ CART \_\_\_\_\_ Braille \_\_\_\_\_ Large Print \_\_\_\_\_ Wheelchair Access \_\_\_\_\_.  
Please list other necessary ADA accommodations or special dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lunch: \*No. of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Dish \_\_\_\_\_ Will you be accompanied by a personal assistant? \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please Note: This is a free event, however, due to limited space pre-registration is required. Priority will be given to individuals with disabilities and their families. Volunteers will be available to provide basic assistance. Keep a copy of this form. We will not send a confirmation.**

**Return this completed form by September 27, 2006 to:**  
Medicaid Infrastructure Grant, Division of Disability Services, P.O. Box 700, Trenton, NJ 08625-0700  
Phone: 609-341-2020; Fax: 609-292-1233; E-Mail: dhs-afamdc@dhs.state.nj.us

Schedule for the Day

8:00 AM.....Registration  
Continental Breakfast, Exhibits

9:00 AM.....Welcome  
**James W. Smith, Jr.**, Acting Commissioner  
NJ Department of Human Services  
  
Master of Ceremonies: **Javier Robles**,  
Deputy Director, Division of Disability Services

9:30 AM.....Provider Agency Panel Discussion  
Moderator: **Robin E. Warren**, NJ Department of Labor  
& Workforce Development;  
Panel: **Donna Brown**, NJ Division of Vocational  
Rehabilitation Services;  
**Roni Kantor**, NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities,  
**Valeda Johnson**, NJ Commission for  
the Blind and Visually Impaired;  
**Maritza Williams**, NJ Protection & Advocacy;  
Representative, NJ Division of Mental Health Services

10:30 AM .....Break for Networking and Exhibits

10:45 AM.....Consumer Panel Discussion  
Moderator: **Jackie Jackson**, MSW  
Panel  
**Tim Allen**, Pilot Services;  
**Rosalyn Hickman**, Developmental Resources Corp.;  
**Huntley Forrester**, Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey;  
**James Jasey**, NJ Minorities with Disabilities Coalition  
**Gary Mitchell**, NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

11:45 AM .....Break for Networking and Exhibits

12:00 PM .....Lunch & Keynote Speaker  
**LeDerick R. Horne**  
Disabilities Rights Advocate,  
Motivational Speaker and Entrepreneur

1:30 PM.....Workshops (see choices 1–4 listed next page)

2:30 PM .....Break for Networking and Exhibits

3:00 PM.....Workshops (see choices 5–8 listed next page)

4:30 PM .....Adjourn

Job Seekers:

Bring Your Resume and Dress for Success!

Employment Fair - 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Workshops

Purpose and Goal

Pushing Limits is a conference for individuals with disabilities and others who have a vested interest in improving the employment outlook for the target audience. The goal of this effort is to provide useful information on available resources and opportunities that will enable positive outcomes.

1) Transition Workshop - Verna Wallace, Facilitator

Carolyn Hayer, Statewide Parents Advocacy Network; Solo Okonkwo, NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services; Robert Haugh, NJ Department of Education; John Walsh, NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
*This interactive workshop will provide information on employment and independent living resources that will enable successful transitioning from high school to adulthood.*

2) Career Preparation - Jackie Jackson, Facilitator

Javier Robles, NJ Division of Disability Services; Sabrina Nelson, AmeriCorps; Professional Human Resources Specialist  
*This workshop will address improving opportunities for employment through practical tips on work-readiness, the benefits of volunteering, and enhancing your potential.*

3) The Entrepreneurial Approach - Sherlock Washington, Facilitator

Kevin Gilmore, Allies, Inc.; William Morgan, PILOT Services  
*This workshop will address successful self-employment techniques and strategies that can establish and sustain independent business ventures.*

4) Transportation - James Jasey, Facilitator

Jon Carnegie, Voorhees Transportation Policy Institute; Steve Fitante, Middlesex Area Transportation; Representative, Heather Smith NJ Transit  
*This workshop will provide information on the current state of New Jersey’s public transportation system and the available options for individuals with disabilities.*

5) Work Incentives - Huntley Forrester, Facilitator

Sarah Vazquez, NJ WorkAbility, Anna McCall, Social Security Administration; Greg Makely, NJ Workforce Incentives Network Support  
*This workshop will provide information on benefits for working individuals, how these resources can assist you in maintaining and managing employment, and why you should take advantage of these programs.*

6) Legal Rights - Stephen Smith, Facilitator

Cassandra Martin, Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity UMDNJ; Chris Tester, NJ Division on Civil Rights; Lillie Lowe-Reid, NJ Protection & Advocacy  
*This workshop will provide information on state and federal employment and anti-discrimination laws that protect your rights and will address: what should and should not occur during a job interview; strategies for emphasizing your abilities; how to request reasonable accommodations; and what to do if you experience difficulties in applying for and receiving services from state vocational rehabilitation agencies.*

7) Technology in the Workplace - Sherlock Washington, Facilitator

Mike Morotta, Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey; Representative, NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
*This workshop will provide information on assistive technology that can enable or enhance an individual with disabilities successful performance of job duties.*

8) Race, Diversity and Disability - Cynthia Mapp, Facilitator

Leroy Moore, National Minorities with Disabilities Coalition; Robyn Parker, Beyond Diversity  
*This workshop will initiate a frank discussion on how employment opportunities are affected by the combining influence of disability, race, and cultural differences.*



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Keynote : LeDerick R. Horne

- **LeDerick R. Horne** spent most of his time in school believing he did not have much of a future. A severe learning disability combined with low self-esteem led him to doubt he would be able to go to college or pursue a meaningful career. But, in the challenging academic environment at Middlesex County College, and with the support offered for his disability through Project Connections, a Learning Disabilities Resource Program at the College, LeDerick became an outstanding student, compiling a 3.75 grade point average. He transferred to New Jersey City University and graduated with honors from NJCU in 2003 with a BA in Mathematics. Since graduation LeDerick has become the head of his own property management company called Horne & Associates, LLC. He was appointed the Board Chair of Project Eye-To-Eye, a natural mentoring program for students with Learning Disabilities and is recognized as a national speaker and advocate for people with disabilities. LeDerick has facilitated workshops, delivered keynote presentations, and spoken to thousands of students, teachers, and service providers about his experiences.

Directions to The Sheraton Hotel at Woodbridge Place

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Directions from the Garden State Parkway  
traveling North:

Take Exit 131A. Follow around to the second traffic light (Thornall Street) and make a right turn. Pass the Metropark train station and proceed to the first traffic light (Gill Lane), and make another right turn. Stay on Gill Lane for approximately 2 miles to the Sheraton (which is on the right side of Gill Lane), just before you reach the intersection of Route 1.

Directions from the New Jersey Turnpike  
(North or South):

Take exit 11 and follow signs to Garden State Parkway North to Exit 131A: proceed as above. From New York City: Take either Holland Tunnel or Lincoln Tunnel to New Jersey Turnpike South. Take Exit 11 and follow signs to Garden State Parkway North to Exit 131A: proceed as above.

From the Garden State Parkway,  
traveling South:

Take exit 130 to Route 1 North. Go straight through the traffic light and take the Gill Lane juhandle in the right lane. Take a left at the intersection of Gill Lane and Route 1 and turn right into the Sheraton’s main entrance.

Public Transportation:  
NJ Transit (Bus and Rail Services):  
(800) 772-2222

Access Link:  
(800) 955-2321

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  - New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities
  - New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development
  - New Jersey Division of Deaf & Hard of Hearing
  - New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities
  - New Jersey Division on Civil Rights
  - New Jersey Protection and Advocacy
  - New Jersey State Conference of NAACP
  - Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN)
  - SW Unlimited
  - The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities (UMDNJ)

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